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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **PUNCHING APPARATUS AND THE
PUNCHING UNIT THEREOF**

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to issuance of the next Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After	Highest Number Previously	Number Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	9	- 20* =	0	X 50.00	0.00
Independent	4	- 4** =	0	X 200.00	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					0.00
TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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